

An F.A.O. Report

AS THE NATIONS OF EUROPE recovered from the effects of the war, the production of food crops was resumed and less has been heard in recent years of the great need for wheat and other foodstuffs there. In this connection the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reports that although there is now normal production in many parts of the world where there was little or none during the war, the volume of the principal food crops in many European countries and in the Far East is still below the pre-war level. However, world food production has increased by some nine per cent. over the figure for the four years before the war, that is, from 1934 to 1938.

Supplies Are Not Adequate

However, the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization points out that the world population has increased by thirteen per cent. since 1938, so although production is now greater than it was before the war, the per capita amount of food available is still below the pre-war years. At that time the world food supply was not considered to be adequate, and now it is considerably less. As we know, food is not distributed equally throughout the world, and in countries like our own, where there is usually a surplus of agricultural products, few of the people are hungry.

Production Is Now Greater

In some parts of Europe and in the Far East, however, supplies are far from adequate and one of the greatest social problems of our times is to help the people of those countries to achieve higher standards of living. At this time it falls to the great food-producing countries of the Western Hemisphere, including Canada, to supply those countries where there is a shortage. It is expected that the world food crop will be larger in 1952 than it was in the preceding year. Canada is fortunate to be one of those countries where an abundance of food can be grown, but our good fortune carries with it a responsibility to contribute to the solution of the world problems which centre around the low living standards of many thousands of people in other lands.

Alberta Meeting Half Of Canada's Daily Oil Needs

Alberta oil production continues to break all previous records and is now close to 200,000 barrels daily, which is about half the oil this country uses in a day. Daily average for the week ended May 26 was a net production of 185,173 bbls., compared with 150,172 bbls. the previous record established in the week ended May 19.

Redwater again has the largest production—89,568 bbls., against 88,728 bbls. the previous week. Led production rose from 62,471 to 62,718 bbls. daily.

Frank McMahon president of Pacific Petroleum advances some reasons for his 1951 report which he expects the western oil business to continue to expand. "The . . . 135 gas and oil discoveries made during the past 16 months in Western Canada give abundant proof of the possibilities for successful development. Under the stimulus of one long distance oil pipeline sharply expanding its capacity, one major oil pipeline under construction, and the authorization of natural gas export by the Alberta Government—these three projects involving almost \$300 million—there is every reason to believe that exploration, drilling and production rates will continue their rapid expansion."—The Financial Post.

GRATITUDE

A lifelong pedestrian bought a bicycle. On his way home to the suburbs he had to make a call and left the bicycle outside the shop. Having made his purchase, he forgot the bicycle and, from force of habit, boarded a bus. On his arrival home his wife, much to his astonishment, reminded him that he had gone away in the morning on his bike. He took the note for the City and to his surprise, found the bicycle where he had left it.

As a token of his appreciation of the honesty of his fellow citizens he decided to make an offering to the first fortunate ones. He cycled to a church and deposited a contribution in the poor-box.

With his heart full of joy he left the church and found that his bicycle had gone.

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Mine Town Becoming Model Of Cleanliness

NATAL, B.C.—Sparwood, two miles west of here in the picturesque Crow's Nest Pass area, doesn't look like a coal-mining town.

It is, in fact, the realization of a dream long held by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. For years homes where the coal miners worked at the mines put up with the grime and soot from coke ovens and slag pits at nearby Natal and Michel.

But in Sparwood, homes have forgotten the coal mines. They live in clean, comfortable bungalows in a well-planned residential area of the mines, and the grime and soot from coke ovens and slag pits at nearby Natal and Michel entirely.

The project started in 1939 when the company built six houses with a limited expansion in mind. But after the war they decided to broaden the plan and today there are 50 houses in Sparwood with another 25 going up this year.

Lots in Sparwood are sold to company employees for \$1 each. Others may pay \$250 for a lot.

Space has been set aside for a school district, well away from the residential area, which included a large playground for children.

Work started late this summer on a new \$25,000 high school. In addition to six classrooms, the school will contain a home economics room, industrial arts shop, drafting room, library and study hall, science room, gymnasium and a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

The school will be finished in September, 1952. By that time the town of Sparwood will be well on the way to being one of the finest mining towns in Western Canada.

TOURIST RECORD EXPECTED FOR 1952

OTTAWA—Resources Minister Winters said that Canada is a record tourist year for 1952.

He said in a statement that prospective tourists suggested by a record number of April entries of automobiles on travel permits, taken up as a usually reliable index of tourist trends.

Mr. Winters said there were 98,376 permit entries for the month, 12 per cent. up from the corresponding month last year and an all-time record for April.

Finds Wild West Tales Tame Compared With War Adventures

CALGARY—Wild west tales about trigger-happy cowboys and war-painted Indians of the old days don't fascinate Edith Collet, a recent arrival from Liverpool, England.

She finds western tales tame compared with her wartime adventures in England with an anti-aircraft battery.

Baseball is one thing that has captured the fancy of Miss Collet, recently appointed junior Red Cross field organizer for southern Alberta with headquarters in Calgary.

English accent echoes through the stands at every game she attends. Baseball is only one phase of Canada's life that Edith has found interesting. She was introduced to Alberta's special brand of square dancing at a giant square dance festival here and now she's all set to buy herself a bowtie and all the trimmings.

Miss Collet graduated from the University of Liverpool where she studied social science and town planning.

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PEGGY

MY PEGGY AIN'T IN THE MORNIN' BLOWING HIS TOP OVER THE CAUSE HE'S GOT THE PENDER LAST NIGHT!



GETS MILITARY MEDAL—Capt. Kenneth V. McCormick, Royal Canadian Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in action in Korea. His citation credited him with quick thinking and courage displayed while leading his platoon to wipe out an enemy machine-gun nest. Detected by Communist gunners, Capt. McCormick returned their fire, then he sent his patrol safely back to his own line. He is now on leave at his home, Ont., home.

Morden Publisher Re-Elected To Head Manitoba Weeklies

WINNIPEG—Ray S. Evans, editor and publisher of the Morden Times, was re-elected president of the Manitoba Association, Canadian Weekly Newspapers association.

Two other officers were also re-elected at the final business session of the association's two-day convention at the Fort Garry hotel. They were F. R. Manning, of the Western Recorder, first vice-president, and A. H. Leech, St. Vital Lance, second vice-president.

Past-president in N. S. McLean of the Elmwood Herald. Mr. McLean paid tribute to A. W. Hanks, president of the national association, who is retiring as managing treasurer of the Manitoba division after 14 years service. Mr. McLean presented Mr. Hanks with a leather briefcase on behalf of Manitoba editors.

PLACE FOR SUNFLOWERS

Sunflowers have a definite place in the crop rotation of many farms growing this crop in Manitoba. They are usually placed later stages of the rotation and are used to extend rotations and as partial replacement for summer fallow.

Suggests Battleford As Centre For Sask. 50th Anniversary

BATTLEFORD, Sask.—The historic town of Battleford has been suggested as one of the chief centres for official observances when Saskatchewan celebrates her 50th anniversary in 1955. Town Councillor Joe Kuffner has launched a movement to have Battleford, a capital of the Northwest Territories when they included Saskatchewan and Alberta, play an important role in the province's golden jubilee celebrations.

As early as 1890 the Hudson's Bay company established posts at the junction of the Battle and North Saskatchewan rivers in west-central Saskatchewan, about 75 miles north-west of Saskatoon.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police established their regional headquarters at Battleford and it was from that fort that R.N.W.M.P. went to quell the disturbance at Duck Lake after the Red rebellion broke out in 1885.

After a defeat at Duck Lake and being besieged at Fort Pitt, the Mounted withdrew to Battleford. As the fortunes of battle changed they received the surrender of Poundmaker of the Stony Indians at Battleford.

It was in Battleford that the Saskatchewan Herald, the first newspaper west of Winnipeg, was published in 1878. The town also boasts the oldest Roman Catholic and Anglican churches in the province.

Battleford people take their town's history casually and the town of North Battleford has become the commercial centre of the area but Councillor Kuffner feels that the town's colorful part in the province's history deserves recognition.

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Organize Red Cross

A meeting was held one evening last week to organize a Red Cross Society for the town and district. There was not a very large attendance but officers were elected and preparations made carry on work when necessary. H. Colpoys was elected president; Mrs. C. Hutton vice-president and Mrs. Hentz was appointed secretary. The blood donor clinic which will embrace Clinch and district will be held here July 18 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Legion Hall will likely be used by the clinic on this occasion.

In 1900 living costs were cheap by today's standards but so was everything else. It took a labourer a week to earn what a similar worker in 1952 would earn in one day. Minimum wage laws were unknown. There was no limit on hours of work. The eight hour day was just a dream. Nobody had thought of the five-day week. A lot of people were still working twelve hours a day six days a week and with no paid vacations. There were few collective agreements, no regular means of making job grievances known to management, no workmen's compensation fund to cover accidents, and no unemployment insurance. Those were the "good old days."

Seeding is over in our community and once again the stage is set for the age old drama of seed time and harvest. Again man has pitted his frail strength against the elements. The farmer is a man of vision, and an optimist and indeed he has needed a great deal of optimism. Farming is an adventurous game of chance with hazards enough to make it interesting. Sometimes drought or destructive pests hold the centre of the stage and other seasons prolonged late fall rains may delay harvest, other seasons it all may be laid down with malignant fury and lay waste fields of grain which represent the toil and hopes of a whole summer. Yes, it is really a one man battle against nature. But there is a brightness about it too—and a beauty. For when nature is kind, a wonderful pageant is enacted on a vast out door stage. First there is the soft green of the fields then it's growing grain, ripening into golden fulfillment, and then the harvest which brings the consumption and reward of a season of hard labor. There is also a power about this occupation. For when agriculture fails, all feel the depression, and when the farmer is prosperous, it's country, at large enjoys a season of prosperity. So regardless of conditions we will just stay by the land hoping our patience will be rewarded by bountiful crops and full store houses in the coming years.

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Fly Control on the Farm

The most common farm flies are House flies, Stable flies and Horn flies. They reproduce very rapidly, breeding in all kinds of organic material and filth. There seems to be no way of getting completely rid of these pests, but the practices recommended here will, if followed, keep them in no insignificant number. To be effective, any fly control campaign must include (1) proper steps in sanitation, and (2) the wise use of chemicals.

Sanitation. Good sanitation is the backbone of fly control. Without it, you cannot control flies effectively, regardless of the chemicals you use. Sanitation includes: Destroying garbage; cleaning barnyards; removing them right down to hard ground; cleaning out hog pens, hen houses and open manure piles; raking up and burning weeds and other (irregular) refuse; treating outdoor privies with kerosene every day; and hauling out fresh stable manure to the field every day or two. A lot of work, yes, but necessary for best fly control results.

Chemicals. To control flies around the house, spray porches and doorways with Lindane or Chlorthane. DDT will give satisfactory control where light infestation of house flies occurs. As a spray for the dairy barn use Lindane or Melthoxychlor. For other buildings Chlorthane may be used instead of Lindane. Treat all places where flies roost, and repeat the applications every 3 to 5 weeks. Avoid contamination of feed and water with Lindane and Chlorthane. Concerning cattle spray, Melthoxychlor is recommended for dairy cattle. It can also be used on beef cattle that are within 60 days of market. If the cattle will not be marketed for more than 60 days, then a DDT spray is recommended. No matter what chemical you use, be sure and follow the directions and precautions of the manufacturer.

Farm fly control pays. It safeguards health, increases milk and meat production from livestock, and adds to the comfort of farm living.

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